

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The allowance of claims 1-52 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 53-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office bases its rejection on claims 53-54 defining “a computer readable storage medium” while the specification can be construed to define this as including a “carrier wave (such as radio frequency, audio frequency or optical frequency carrier waves).” (See specification text spanning page 9 line 29 through page 10 line 1.)

In response, Applicants are following the Office’s suggestion by deleting the phrase “or carrier wave (such as radio frequency, audio frequency or optical frequency carrier waves)” from the identified portion of the specification. The word “or” has also been inserted at a suitable location in the remaining part of the sentence for grammatical correctness.

Having followed the Office’s suggestion for addressing its concern, it is believed that there should be full agreement that claims 53-54 are directed to statutory subject matter. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is respectfully requested.

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